

8 RYAN WIEGEL: I'm called Ryan Ray Wiegel. I live
9 in California at two homes, Siskiyou County, California,
10 and, also, Sacramento. [I'm opposed to this project.]
11 There's many things. The science is not there.

12 I hear people talk about it's clean as though
13 we can just wash our hands of it, and it's not. It's
14 not clean. And we have many, many, many examples
15 through life and experiences on this continent and many
16 other continents.

17 Where I live in Sacramento, we had the
18 opportunity to shut down Rancho Seco, and the people
19 were given the voice. And we voted and we asked for it
20 to be shut down. The same company that made Three Mile
21 Island made Rancho Seco. And I am able to live in
22 Sacramento with a lot less fear in my life, and so is my
23 family and other families.]

24 I have some concerns about who I'm addressing
25 here. I don't think I'm addressing the Department of
1 Energy, because Bechtel signed me in. The woman up at
2 the front, very kindly, your name tag says Bechtel.

3 Let's learn about Bechtel, who runs Bechtel.
4 What is Bechtel doing? Why are they doing it? I
5 believe that the processes for Yucca Mountain are just
6 to push more nukes. And right now we are sending what
7 they call depleted uranium, which is not depleted. It
8 still produces huge amounts of toxins.

9 And our soldiers, our brothers and sisters are
10 coming home today to our homes with these problems. And

11 not only that, the surplus gear that they bring home is
12 being worn on our children like I wore my dad's uniform.
13 And that is taking more toxins through.

14 [I want to talk about the socioeconomic impacts 2
15 of the counties north of California. You want to talk
16 about Trinity County, where 299 is, which is the
17 corridor which will be for the nuclear waste that will
18 be coming into Humboldt Bay, which Humboldt Bay has many
19 problems. We have boats crashing in that bay a lot of
20 times. The port coming in is blocked.

21 But one wreck, one potential wreck, one
22 thought of a wreck on the 299 is going to shut down the
23 tourism in Trinity County. That will just decimate us.
24 We live off that tourism. We have a very small amount
25 of timber resources. We have wilderness.

1 So once people are afraid to drive down that
2 299 corridor and for good reasons, because accidents do
3 happen, they will happen. I've heard talk about
4 terrorists. I do know that drivers make mistakes.

5 That 299 corridor is many times of the year
6 impassable because of fires, impassable because of
7 landslides. I mean, impassable. There's no driving
8 past it. And there are two passes that have to go up
9 and down that are horrendous, horrendous.

10 I also want to point out that Nye County is
11 98 percent owned by the feds. I appreciate their
12 comments, but I wonder where they're coming from, why
13 they are not joining Nevada. Nevada doesn't want this.
14 California doesn't want this. I don't know many people

15 that want this. I don't know anyone in my group.

16 I just want to point out Nye County is
17 98 percent federal, so how are they going to make any
18 decisions? I feel as though they are being pushed. And
19 then we have Inyo County, which is nextdoor. I relate
20 to their comments very well.

21 And I appreciate all of your time and energy
22 being here, and [I would like to have some of these
23 meetings come to Sacramento, all over the corridor. The
24 rail routes coming from northern California to
25 southern California have lots of problems.]

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1 [You'll remember Dunsmuir? Dunsmuir dropping a
2 whole tanker full of pesticides into the river,
3 decimated the economy of Dunsmuir. It's still
4 struggling. It's a harsh thing.]

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5 [I hope you all make the right decision of
6 denying this and to allow us to have other opportunities
7 in this world. There's only one water. There's only
8 one air. It's pretty obvious to all of us here. And I
9 don't see how once we pollute that water or that air
10 that we can get it back.] Thank you.

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